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(C) Poloff shared reftel points on improving NATO-EU relations with MFA NATO Office Director Gianni Bardini on February 29. Bardini said Italy shared USG concern over the state of EU-NATO relations and said his government was already very actively engaged in trying to encourage an opening from the EU towards Turkey in order to facilitate imporved NATO-EU cooperation. SPOGLI